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### SOYBEAN YIELDS UP FROM THE PREVIOUS FORECAST

Results from a survey conducted September 1 by the Virginia Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service indicated that Virginia's soybean yield prospects have increased since the last forecast on August 1. Timely rains coupled with warm, sunny conditions have improved crop conditions. Hurricane Irene moved through eastern and southeastern Virginia at the end of August and brought much needed rain to a large part of the state. There was some reported damage to corn fields while soybean and peanut fields were mostly unaffected. Cotton experienced the most damage with many producers reporting wind damage and flattened areas.

Soybean producers expect to harvest an average of 37 bushels per acre from 550,000 acres, an increase of 2 bushels per acre from the previous forecast of 35 bushels per acre on August 1. Production is expected to total 20.35 million bushels.

Virginia corn yields are expected to average 124 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from the previous forecast on August 1. Production is expected to total 42.16 million bushels, which is up 103 percent from last year.

The state's cotton yield is forecast at 835 pounds per acre, down from 989 pounds per acre on August 1. Hurricane Irene damaged many fields and producers are reporting many areas flattened and tangled by the strong winds. Cotton producers will harvest 115,000 acres in 2011 which is up 33,000 acres from the previous year. Production is expected to total 200 thousand bales.

The state's peanut yield is forecast to be 3,400 pounds per acre. This is a 100 pound per acre increase from the August forecast. Production is expected to total 54.4 million pounds from 16,000 acres for harvest.

Burley tobacco yield is forecast to be 1,700 pounds per acre, bringing total production to 3.4 million pounds from 2,000 acres. Last year's average yield was 1,900 pounds per acre with a total production of 3.04 million pounds harvested from 1,600 acres.

Flue tobacco yield has a decrease of 100 pounds per acre from the previous forecast to 2,300 pounds per acre. Production is expected to total 44.85 million pounds from 19,500 acres.

Fire tobacco yield is forecast to be 1,700 pounds per acre. Production is forecast at 680 thousand pounds from 400 acre

# **VIRGINIA CROP PRODUCTION**

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Crop	Acres Planted			Acres For Harvest			Yield Per Acre			Unit	Production		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011		2009	2011	2011
	-Thousand Acres-			-Thousand Acres-			-Units -				-Thousand Units-		
Apples	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Lbs.	245,000	200,000	215,000
Grapes	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	tons	8.6	6.6	8.5
Barley	67	75	90	43	48	70	74.0	67.0	83.0	Bu.	3,182	3,216	5,810
Corn for Grain	480	490	490	330	310	340	131.0	67.0	124.0	Bu.	43,230	20,770	42,160
Corn for Silage 1/	---	---	---	135	155	---	18.5	12.5	---	Tons	2,498	1,938	---
Cotton, Upland 2/	64	83	116	63	82	115	1,052	732	835	Bales	138.1	125.0	200.0
All Hay	---	---	---	1,180	1,330	1,350	2.26	1.64	2.19	Tons	2,668	2,184	2,968
Alfalfa Hay	---	---	---	90	80	70	3.00	2.30	4.00	Tons	270	184	280
Other Hay	---	---	---	1,090	1,250	1,280	2.20	1.60	2.10	Tons	2,398	2,000	2,688
Oats	12	12	11	4	4	3	54.0	44.0	---	Bu.	216	176	---
Peaches	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Tons	5.80	6.21	6.00
Peanuts	12	18	16	12	18	16	3,700	1,800	3,400	Lbs.	44,400	32,400	54,400
Summer Potatoes	6.0	5.8	6.0	5.9	5.6	5.9	240	170	200	Cwt.	1,416	952	1,180
Soybeans	580	560	570	570	540	550	37.0	26.0	37.0	Bu.	21,090	14,040	20,350
Tobacco 3/	---	---	---	20.15	19.75	21.90	2,309	2,243	2,234	Lbs.	46,530	44,299	48,930
Flue-Cured Tobacco	---	---	---	17.50	17.50	19.50	2,340	2,280	2,300	Lbs.	40,950	39,900	44,850
Burley Tobacco	---	---	---	2.00	1.60	2.00	2,140	1,900	1,700	Lbs.	4,280	3,040	3,400
Fire-Cured Tobacco	---	---	---	.65	.65	.40	2,000	2,090	1,700	Lbs.	1,300	1,359	680
Winter Wheat	250	180	290	210	160	260	58.0	51.0	72.0	Bu.	12,180	8,160	18,720

1/ Silage planted included in corn for grain planted. 2/ Cotton yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales. 3/ Includes all types.

**Milk Cows and Milk Production  
Virginia and United States July 2010 - 2011**

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>			Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>			Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		
	July 2011	June 2011	July 2010	July 2011	June 2011	July 2010	July 2011	June 2011	July 2010
	<i>-Thousand Head-</i>			<i>-Pounds-</i>			<i>-Million Pounds-</i>		
Virginia	96	96	95	1,440	1,450	1,505	138	139	143
23 State Total	8,468	8,460	8,375	1,824	1,819	1,829	15,316	15,389	15,445

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.



**FARM LABOR: EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE RATES, VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA AND U.S.,  
July 10-16, 2011 WITH COMPARISONS <sup>1/</sup>**

Farm Employment	VA-NC <sup>6/</sup>			UNITED STATES		
	July 10-16, 2011	April 10-16, 2011 <sup>5/</sup>	July 11-17, 2010	July 10-16, 2011	April 10-16, 2011 <sup>5/</sup>	July 11-17, 2010
	<i>-1,000 workers-</i>			<i>-1,000 workers-</i>		
Hired Workers Employed	41	<sup>5/</sup>	44	836	<sup>5/</sup>	885
150 days or more	31	<sup>5/</sup>	27	606	<sup>5/</sup>	627
149 days or less	10	<sup>5/</sup>	17	230	<sup>5/</sup>	258
Agricultural Services						
Workers Working on Farms	4/	<sup>5/</sup>	4/	350	<sup>5/</sup>	360
Hired Farm & Service	4/	<sup>5/</sup>	4/	1,186	<sup>5/</sup>	1,245
	<i>Hours Per Week</i>					
Hours Worked						
Hired	42.8	<sup>5/</sup>	39.9	41.3	<sup>5/</sup>	40.7
	<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>					
Wage Rates For All <sup>3/</sup>						
Hired Workers <sup>2/ 3/</sup>	9.85	<sup>5/</sup>	9.40	10.90	<sup>5/</sup>	10.79
Type of Worker:						
Field & Livestock Combined	9.35	<sup>5/</sup>	8.82	10.25	<sup>5/</sup>	10.11
Field	9.20	<sup>5/</sup>	8.77	10.24	<sup>5/</sup>	10.09
Livestock	9.89	<sup>5/</sup>	9.07	10.28	<sup>5/</sup>	10.15

\* Revised. 1/ Excludes Alaska. 2/ Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates. 3/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. 4/ Insufficient data for this category. 5/ The April 2011 Farm Labor Survey was not conducted. 6/ Appalachian Region: Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia.

# PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS <sup>1/</sup>

Commodity	Unit	Virginia			United States			Parity Prices August 2011 <sup>9/</sup>
		August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	
		-Dollars-			-Dollars-			
Wheat (Winter) <sup>2/</sup>	Bu.	5.96	6.28	6.74	5.47	6.77	7.26	16.50
Corn	Bu.	4.27	6.83	7.28	3.65	6.32	6.62	10.40
Barley (All)	Bu.	2.57	3.78	4.29	3.69	5.07	5.21	11.50
Hay, Baled: All <sup>3/</sup>	Ton	128.00	159.00	162.00	110.00	170.00	172.00	—
Alfalfa <sup>3/</sup>	Ton	165.00	192.00	195.00	118.00	189.00	191.00	—
Other <sup>3/</sup>	Ton	125.00	156.00	159.00	95.10	119.00	127.00	—
All Tobacco	Lb.	--	--	--	--	--	--	—
Peanuts	Lb.	0.227	0.253	0.204	0.207	0.239	0.230	0.733
Soybeans	Bu.	9.99	13.21	13.21	10.10	13.20	12.90	25.70
Apples, For Fresh Use	Lb.	--	--	--	0.291	0.289	0.434	0.896
Potatoes	Cwt.	--	16.30	--	7.78	14.19	11.06	27.70
Oats	Bu.	2.42	3.30	3.30	2.09	3.35	3.33	6.79
Beef Cattle <sup>10/</sup>	Cwt.	88.20	<sup>7/</sup>	<sup>7/</sup>	93.50	111.00	110.00	274.00
Cows	Cwt.	50.70	<sup>7/</sup>	<sup>7/</sup>	58.30	73.60	71.10	—
Steers and Heifers	Cwt.	105.00	<sup>7/</sup>	<sup>7/</sup>	98.10	115.00	113.00	—
Calves	Cwt.	115.00	<sup>7/</sup>	<sup>7/</sup>	123.00	138.00	134.00	383.00
Hogs (All)	Cwt.	--	--	--	61.30	71.70	76.70	150.00
Milk: All, Wholesale <sup>4/ 8/</sup>	Cwt.	19.80	24.30	24.60	16.70	21.90	22.00	49.40
Fluid Consumption <sup>8/</sup>	Cwt.	19.80	--	--	16.70	21.90	22.00	—
Market Eggs <sup>3/ 5/</sup>	Doz.	0.87	0.79	1.03	0.625	0.684	0.991	2.47
Broilers, Live <sup>6/</sup>	Lb.	<sup>7/</sup>	<sup>7/</sup>	<sup>7/</sup>	0.490	0.470	0.480	—
Turkeys, Live <sup>3/ 6/</sup>	Lb.	<sup>7/</sup>	<sup>7/</sup>	<sup>7/</sup>	0.668	0.675	0.695	1.520

-- No sales indicated or not available. 1/ Current month prices are mid-month prices, other months are entire month prices except where noted. 2/ Parity price is for All Wheat. 3/ All prices are mid-month. 4/ Before deductions for hauling and govt. withholding, but includes bulk tank, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 5/ Includes eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Equivalent live weight returns to producers for most states. 7/ Discontinued. 8/ August 2011 fat test percent: all milk 3.57, fluid milk 3.57, mfg. grade n/a. 9/ Adjusted base price 1910-14 derived by dividing the average of 10 seasons average prices 1996 – 2005, including an allowance where appropriate for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments resulting from price support operations, by 716 percent (120-month, Jan 1996–Dec 2005 average of the index of prices received by farmers adjusted to include an allowance for unredeemed loans and other supplemental payments) unless otherwise noted. 10/ "Cows" and "Steers and Heifers" combined.

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